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## REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of March 24, 2008. Claims 55-67 are amended to place them into better form for examination. No new matter is introduced into the application by this Amendment. Claims 1 and 55-77 remain pending in this application.

In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicant elects Species A, in which the transition metal is copper. Claims 1, 55-59, and 68-77 read on the elected species.

If there are any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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